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SUBJ: REGIONAL SEMINAR ON TEACHING POPULATION DYNAMICS IN
LAW SCHOOLS IN AFRICA, DEC 2-6, 1974

1. AMBASSADOR AND AID PROJOFF DO NOT RPT NOT CONCUR WITH
HOLDING SUBJECT WORKSHOP IN LOME AT TIME PROPOSED, BUT
WILLING RECONSIDER THIS OBJECTION IN SIX TO NINE MONTHS.
WE HAVE NOW ENTERED DELICATE AND SOMEWHAT CRUCIAL PHASE IN
DEALING WITH GOT OFFICIALS ON SUBJECT OF NATIONAL FAMILY
HEALTH PROJECT FOR TOGO (NFHP), FOR WHICH USAID AND OTHER
DONORS' FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BEING SOUGHT.
AFTER MANY MONTHS CAREFUL PREPARATION, WE ARE NOW AWAITING
LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO PROJECT FROM RESPONSIBLE GOT
MINISTER(S). LETTER WILL PLACE GOT ON RECORD--BUT NOT RPT NOT
PUBLICLY--IN FULL SUPPORT OF PROJECT AND, IMPLICITLY IF NOT
EXPLICITLY, IN FAVOR OFFERING FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES TO
GENERAL PUBLIC.

2. HOLDING SUBJECT WORKSHOP IN LOME NOW WITH FOCUS ON
"LEGAL INHIBITORS" AND NEED FOR "LEGAL REFORM" TO PROMOTE
"REDUCTION OF POPULATION GROWTH" WOULD BE LIKELY TO HAVE
ADVERSE EFFECT ON ABOVE EFFORT, WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCEEDING
SO FAR IN A QUIET, LOW-KEY WAY. WE HAVE SPECIFICALLY TOLD
GOT WE DO NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE OR SEEK PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO
FAMILY PLANNING OR TO PROJECT. PUBLIC DEBATE WOULD TEND TO
CRYSTALLIZE POSITIONS AND MIGHT OBLIGE SOME TOGOLESE TO TAKE
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POSITIONS PREJUDICIAL TO OUR PROJECT'S FUTURE.

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